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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. BROWN of Ohio). Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of H.R. 4521 is postponed.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

(Ms. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the beginning of Black History Month and highlight the contributions and impact of Black Americans in my community.

When I was elected to Congress in 2018, I became the first Black woman to represent the 14th District and the youngest Black woman in Congress. I am honored to hold a place in Illinois 14th's Black history alongside the trailblazers that came before me—like Batavia-native Charles Edward Hall, whose 35-year career at the Census Bureau fundamentally changed our national understanding of Black communities; or Civil War veteran, Henry Beard, and his wife, Julia, who after escaping slavery, became the first Black residents of Sycamore in 1871; and Dr. Lloyd from Elgin, who revolutionized food, drug, and cosmetic preservation with the creation of a sterilization process.

These are just a few of the Black Illinoisans who have made a mark on my community and our country, and I am very proud to honor them.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LARRY BRUCE YAWN

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Georgia's very own college football legend, Larry Bruce Yawn.

Bruce was a native of Americus, Georgia, eventually moving to Statesboro in 1959 where he would graduate from Statesboro High School with a full scholarship to play for the University of Georgia's football team.

While playing for the University of Georgia, Bruce was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame, having played in the Cotton Bowl, Liberty Bowl, and Sugar Bowl, and being a member of the All-Academic SEC Team.

After graduating, Bruce went on to become the owner of the well-known and community-loved Snooky's Restaurant in Statesboro until its closing in 2012. Bruce went on to manage the Willow Pond Senior Center for several years before retiring. His remaining years were spent with his wife, Carol,

and his children, who I know miss him dearly. His love for his community, family, and friends is something we should all work to build in ourselves.

Madam Speaker, having been a prominent member in his community and church, Bruce's passing is felt by the entire community. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and all who knew him during this time.

AMERICA COMPETES ACT AMENDMENTS

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss two amendments to the America COMPETES Act that were offered by me.

The first amendment would direct relevant Federal agencies to identify U.S. allied countries that are key research partners so that we can develop and implement security procedures safeguarding our research.

When we lead with diplomacy and ensure our Nation's scientists, businesses, and workers compete on a level playing field, the result is innovation, opportunity, and prosperity for Americans and our allies alike. I thank Representatives GALLAGHER, CHENEY, and CASTEN for joining with me on this bipartisan effort.

Madam Speaker, my second amendment dealt with the human rights crisis in the Philippines. President Duterte's so-called "war on drugs" has served as a pretext to conduct an estimated 30,000 extrajudicial killings to unjustly detain, torture, repress, and assassinate labor activists and other dissidents, including a U.S. citizen, activist Brandon Lee, who remains paralyzed from the chest down as a result of an assassination attempt.

This amendment says that U.S. taxpayer funds in the bill cannot go to Philippines' police forces as long as basic human rights are flagrantly violated. It is a historic step forward.

LOSING THE RACE WITH CHINA

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, imagine you are an inventor with a new idea. You put a lot of time, effort, and money into everything it takes for your idea to become a reality. Finally, after all your hard work, you have a successful product. However, a foreign competitor copied your intellectual property, and your property is now worthless.

This is a serious problem facing American investors, entrepreneurs, and businesses, and the Chinese Communist Party is typically the culprit behind intellectual property theft. It is totally wrong that this happens right under our government's nose, but we haven't

done a daggum thing to stop the exploitation.

House Democrats are putting on the floor a bogus China competition bill that does nothing to actually solve this problem. In fact, they even rejected several amendments that address the lack of intellectual property protections in their bill.

My Trade Related Intellectual Property Protection Act was among the amendments Democrats rejected. It would require Congress to approve the sharing of any intellectual property with the World Trade Organization member states, giving us a chance to make sure Americans' hard work does not get stolen by the Communist Chinese.

By excluding my commonsense amendment, Democrats missed an opportunity to make their bill a legitimate response to Communist China's attacks on America's brightest minds.

Madam Speaker, we are in a race with China to be the world's technology superpower and we are giving in to the Communist Chinese wishes.

GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WEEK

(Ms. STEVENS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise solemnly today, at the start of this new year, to draw attention to an appalling national benchmark. This is Gun Violence Survivors Week, the time of year that gun deaths in America surpass the number of gun deaths that most other countries will mourn at the end of the year, if at all.

Madam Speaker, 2022 is barely underway, and yet, here we are. Exceptional in the most disastrous and yet unacceptable way, already at a completely incomprehensible count of lives lost to the scourge of gun violence in the country. Gun violence leaves a mark on each individual and community it impacts, and it spares none of our constituents and none of our fellow countrymen and women.

Madam Speaker, this week, I am thinking about the students and parents back home in Michigan, in Oakland County, who can no longer distinguish between a practice exercise and an active shooter scenario in our schools. The threats have been perpetual, and the violence has become too real for far too many.

So we join in this House of Representatives to commit to acting on gun safety legislation. For those who are not working for it, are working against it.

SHAWNEE WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

(Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate